

Frederick County Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting Friday,
January 17, 2025 – 11:00am to 12:30pm via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

The mission of the Frederick County Suicide Prevention Coalition is to make Frederick County free of suicide through community collaboration rooted in suicide prevention best practices for safe and responsible gun storage, eliminating stigma surrounding suicide, and support for anyone thinking of or impacted by suicide.

[Suicide Prevention Coalition website](#)

Attendance

Andrea Baiocchi Walker, MPH, MA, CPRP, Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS), Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) and Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA)

Jay Hessler, LCPC, Assistant Director, BHS, FCHD

Amanda Adams, Child & Adolescent Coordinator, BHS, FCHD

Rachel Mandel, MD, Trauma Responsive Frederick, Veteran

Stephanie Shapiro, OFRT Coordinator, Behavioral Health Services, FCHD

Lindsay Barnhart, Diversion Program, State's Attorney's Office

Kitty Hovatter, LMFT, LCPC, Inner Evolution Counseling, Veteran

Jason Marshall, Serving Together

Elaine Scott, Health Navigator, Veteran Housing Program, Sheppard Pratt

Heidi Murray, Mobile Crisis, Sheppard Pratt

Caitlyn Wilson, Social Worker, Family Preservation, Frederick County Department of Social Services

Kaili Van Waveren, Executive Director, Thorpewood

Patricia Buckmaster, Nursing Director, Frederick Health Hospital

Christian Isanogle, Therapist, The Ranch

Barbara van der Vossen, Supervisor, Kids Like Us

Jennifer Kelley, Community Partnership Coordinator, Suicide Prevention Team, Martinsburg VA

Lt. Kevin Britt, Patrol Unit, Frederick County Sheriff's Office

Michaela Browne, Coordinator, Frederick County Veteran's Advisory Council

Jason Barth, LCPC, Executive Director, The Ranch

Summer McClellan, Program Manager, Coalition for a Healthier Frederick

Sandra Wastler, Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Agenda

1. Introductions (Name, Agency, How your role intersects death by suicide)
2. Review/Approval of Minutes
3. Announcements
 - PSA Presentation
 - ERPO Grant Update
4. Breakouts by Subcommittee
 - a. Responsible Gun Ownership
 - b. Education/Outreach
 - c. Postvention/Support Services
 - d. Veterans
5. Subcommittee Report Out
6. Announcements from BHA Office of Suicide Prevention
7. Adjourn

1. Introductions

- a. Jay Hessler convened the meeting.

2. Review/Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes were reviewed and no corrections were noted.

3. Announcements

- a. Jay Hessler presented the final Gun Safety PSA. Coalition members and partners were asked to help share the PSA.
- b. Andrea Walker provided an update on the ERPO grant. The funding will allow for an ERPO Coordinator to be hired to serve Frederick County and Washington County. The hiring process for this position is currently in process.

4. Breakouts by Subcommittee

- a. **Responsible Gun Ownership:** Dr. Mandel provided the report out. The group discussed the new ERPO Coordinator position and the roles of the position.
- b. **Education/Outreach:** Stephanie Shapiro provided the report out. The group discussed the upcoming Kindness Day event at Middletown Library on 2/17/25, as

well as discussed their focus groups.

- c. **Veterans:** Amanda Adams provided the report out. The group discussed the PscyArmor training that occurred on 1/13/25, as well as holding a Military Mental Health First Aid training in April 2025 (details coming). The group will review the CIM for the February meeting to decide on the next action item for the group.
- d. **Postvention:** Summer McClellan provided the report out. The group continued reviewing the general postvention plan they have created and what resources to add to the plan. The group discussed the community's response to the suicides that occurred in December 2024.

5. **Announcements from BHA Office of Suicide Prevention**

Amanda Adams provided updates on behalf of Patricia Walcott. Upcoming trainings and the link tree was provided: <https://linktr.ee/mdhsuicideprevention>

Next meeting – 2/21/25, 11am-12:30pm

6. **Adjourn**